

The Ballad of Mary Magdalen

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My name is Mary Magdalen
I come from Palestine
Please excuse these rags Im in
But Ive fallen on hard times
But long ago I had my work
When I was in my prime
But I gave it up, and all for love
It was his career or mine Jesus loved me
This I know
But why on earth
Did I ever let him go
He was always faithful
He was always kind
But he walked off
With this heart of mine A love like this will come but once
This I do believe
And Ill not see his like again
As I live and breath
And Im sorry if I might offend
But I will never see
How the tenderness I shared with him
Became a heresy Jesus loved me
This I know
But why on earth
Did I ever let him go
He was always faithful
He was always kind
But he walked off
With this heart of mine But I remember nights we spent
Whispering our creed
Our rituals, our sacraments
The stars our canopy
There beneath an olive tree
Wed offer up our plea
Gods creation innocent
His arms surrounding me Jesus loves me
This I know
But why on earth
Did he ever have to go

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With this heart of mine

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